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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [redacted]

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I understand that you very kindly spent considerable time recently with members of my staff in an exploration of possible ways in which the biographic files might aid the Inter-Agency Youth Committee's effort to identify and get into communication with the rising young leaders abroad.

We are now asking that an addition be made to the biographic reporting section of the Foreign Affairs Manual, and I am enclosing a copy of that proposal. As you will note, we suggest three additional items. Broadly, these items cover the leaders of youth and student organizations, individuals identified by the post youth committees, and U.S. Government grantees. (I believe many of the latter are already picked up in large part from justifications and biodata sketches that accompany the posts' proposals to Washington.)

Your agency may wish to consider similar requests to its own field personnel.

Of course, I realize that biographic submissions by foreign affairs personnel constitute only a fraction of the material you screen for inclusion in the Biographic Register. Therefore, I would like to ask that the new guidance also serve in the screening of material from other sources.

Further, when your analysts determine the key groups that are to be retrievable as "categories," I hope that due emphasis will be placed on the groups covered in the three additional items we have proposed for the Manual.

I wish to thank you for the time and consideration you have already given to the Youth Committee's concerns.

State Department review completed

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BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PROGRAM
520: CATEGORIES OF PERSONS

1. Leaders and secondary leaders of youth organizations with political significance, of national unions of students and their component bodies, and other university student associations, and of the youth wing of political parties; also influential members of groups that may be embryonic political movements.

2. Individuals identified by the post youth committee as "comers" in the organizations or sectors judged likely to produce the future national leaders.

3. All persons in any field, including military officers, who receive a U.S. Government grant for travel, study or training in the United States, if adequate biographic information was not previously submitted in the written justification for the grant. Ideally, adequate information would include indications of the grantee's political orientation, such as the identity of current or historical personalities he admires; organizational affiliations and activities; significant family connections; previous travel or study abroad; and extracurricular activities.

4. Leaders and influential members of political parties, movements and groups, in the provinces as well as in the capital, whether of a national character or composed of refugees or emigres.

5. Influential newspaper, radio, television and motion picture editors, owners and operators in the provinces as well as in the capital.

6. Leading educators, including presidents and outstanding faculty members of universities, officers of national and regional associations of teachers, professors, etc.

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